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EMPLOYMENT

DENISON UNIVERSITY

Visiting Assistant Professor   2022-present

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science   2022

> Dissertation: "International Aid and Strategic Interdependence: How Common and Conflicting Foreign Policy Goals Shape the Supply of Foreign Aid"
> Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy
> Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science   2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors)   2015

RESEARCH

Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women." *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter." *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Foreign Aid, Migration, and Civil War." (Under Review).

"Aid for Alliances? Buying and Selling Alliancs in the Political Economy of Aid." (Working Paper)

"A Strategic Political Economy of Aid." (Working Paper)

"Competition and Buck-Passing in the Political Economy of Aid." (Working Paper)

"Who Leads? The Strategic Determinants of Lead Donorship." (Working Paper)

"Friends Get More Money, Attention, and Handshakes: Xinhua, Dipomacy, and Chinese Foreign Aid." With Lucie Lu (Working Paper)

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests." (Working Paper)

"How Local Discretion Addresses Competing Allocation Goals: The Case of Small Business Relief Funding." With Rebecca Johnson, Heather Barry Kappes, Crystal C. Hall, Simone Zhang, and Elizabeth Bell. (Under Review)

"Does Performance Feedback Increase Flu-Vaccination Rates? A Cluster Randomized Trial." With Sebastian Jilke, Pompa Debroy, Rebecca Johnson, Michael Wallace, and Vincent Marconi. (Working Paper)

"How Reducing Documentation Burdens Impacts Equity in Program Access: The Case of Small Business Covid-19 Relief Funding." With Elizabeth Bell and Heather Kappes. (Under Review)

Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. "The World Bank." Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. "Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-rematch in Chicago Suburbs." In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

Conferences

"A Strategic Political Economy of Aid," PEIO	July 2022
"Friends Get more Money, Attention, and Handshakes: Xinhua, Diplomacy, and Chinese Foreign Aid," AidData Roundtable	June 2022
"Competition and Buck-passing in the Political Economy of Aid," MPSA	April 2022

Technical Guides

"Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs." With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to Religion in Public. Select posts include:

> "White, Conservative, Religious…and Aid Skeptical" (January 21, 2021)
> "Do Women Preach Differently than Men?" (June 26, 2019)
> "Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals' Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump" (February 20, 2017)
> "Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump" (February 13, 2017)

I also write about various statistical and R-related things on my personal blog hosted on my professional website.

SOFTWARE

Tools

> **Expert:** R, RStudio, & Latex
> **Basic:** Stata & Python

R Packages

`coolor` - Tools to make setting and applying custom color palettes with `ggplot` more streamlined.

`RFA` - Implements random forest adjustment (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

`seerrr` - Tools that simplify the process of doing Monte Carlo and computational power analyses.

`SARM` - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by Steinwand (2011).

`oesr` (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evluation Sciences' recommended style guide.

TEACHING

DENISON UNIVERSITY

War, Wealth, and World Politics (Intro to IR)	Fall 2022
Intro to Data Visualization	Fall 2022

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Intro to International Relations, Independent Instructor (online)	2021
Intro to Political Science, Teaching Assistant	2017
UIUC Math Camp	

Probability in R	2018-2020
Integrals	2020
Linear Regression	2021
GitHub and Version Control	2021

PROFESSIONAL

US OFFICE OF EVALUATION SCIENCES

Associate Fellow (methods specialist)	2020-present

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Research Assistant

Cara Wong	2020-present
Matthew S. Winters	2018-2020

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley	2016
Presidential Graduate Assistant	2015-2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus	2021
Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence	2018

Eastern Illinois University

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	2018
Williams Travel Grant	2016

SERVICE

Reviewer

British Journal of Politics and International Relations
Development Studies Research
Journal of Politics

International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator 2020-2021

Graduate Methods Committee

Member	2019-2021
Chair	2020

UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member 2019-2020